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Off-Highway Travel on Public Land North of Canon City

In 2004 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) completed the Gold Belt Travel Management Plan to reduce damage to public lands north of Canon City. However, some improper use of the area is still occurring and is causing resource damage.

Motorized travel on public land in this area, is limited to designated roads and trails identified for Off-Highway Vehicle travel. However lately, there has been a noticeable increase in people illegally traveling off designated routes. BLM Field Manager, Roy Masinton said, "To avoid getting a violation notice and a stiff fine, we are asking people to become familiar with the regulations and stay only on designated routes on public land. If a trail or route does not have a sign designating it for motor vehicle use don't travel on it."

Before the Gold Belt Travel Management Plan was completed, motorized use in the Gold Belt area was limited to existing roads and trails and many unauthorized routes were created by users over the years. The designated transportation system that was established was designed to protect environmental and resource values while providing motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities.

BLM also reminds target shooters using public land, there are rules and regulations for this activity, these are available at the BLM Canon City Office at 3170 East Main. Maps showing designated routes in the Gold Belt area and information about the Tread Lightly program are also available at their office and maps are available online at: www.co.blm.gov/recweb/ohv.htm

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